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Welcome to the March issue the Radio HF Newsletter. It continues to be a very difficult winter for so many people across Canada and the United States. Let's hope that March comes in like a lion and, quickly, goes out like a lamb. I'm sure that any of you in the storm affected areas will be anxiously looking forward to spring.

We're just a week away from the 27th annual NASWA Winter SWL Winterfest in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. If you are attending the event, please drop by my Radio HF display to say hello.

IMPORTANT NOTE: 2014 BAILLIE BIRDATHON

As I do at this time each year, I'd like to advise you that my wife and I will once again be participating in the annual fundraising activity known at the Baillie Birdathon organized by Bird Studies Canada. Each year I encourage subscribers of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter to support us with a pledge to raise money for Canadian Bird Conservation. Any amount is appreciated. I will be sending out a separate e-mail with complete details in a few days. However, those of you already familiar with this each year can kick things off by donating whatever amount possible directly through our 2014 Baillie Birdathon webpage at http://birdscanada.kintera.org/birdathon/harvey http://birdscanada.kintera.org/birdathon/harvey and click on the "Give Now" icon. You can make your payment by credit card or PayPal, or by sending a cheque, payable to Bird Studies Canada to my Radio HF mailing address.

Our goal for 2014 is $2000, so every pledge helps, large or small. As always I ask you all to remember that this Newsletter comes to you free of charge 12 times a year. Why not think of how much this Newsletter means to you and how much you would be willing to pay for it if it wasn't free. Once you've done that, consider donating that amount in the form of a pledge to our Birdathon. Canadians will receive a tax receipt for any donation over $10. Your continued support of our annual Birdathon fundraiser is greatly appreciated, by us and the birds! Don't forget that if we cross paths at any of the radio events, hamfests or fleamarkets this spring, you can drop by the Radio HF table and make your donation in person.

In this month's Radio HF Book Review Zone, Editor Skip Arey looks at the ARRL publication "50 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation - Transmitters, Receivers and Transceivers 1930-1980" by Joe Veras, K9OCO.

Our Monthly Special Zone for March features web pages on St. Patrick's Day, Music in our Schools Month, International Women's Day, World Down Syndrome Day, World Water Day, International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, and National Goof-off Day.

This month's virtual voyage around the world, in the "Where in the World Zone", takes us to northern Europe to Ireland, in honour of St. Patrick's Day. Known as the Republic of Ireland, it is a sovereign state occupying about five-sixths of the island of Ireland. The capital and largest city is Dublin, located in the eastern part of the island, whose metropolitan area is home to around a quarter of the country's 4.6 million inhabitants. The state shares its only land border with Northern Ireland, one of the constituent countries of the United Kingdom. It is otherwise surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, with the Celtic Sea to the south, Saint George's Channel to the south east, and the Irish Sea to the east.

Let's get on to this month's links.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Jan Lindstrom, VE2JL, Montreal, Quebec: (In response to the WKBW War of the Worlds link in last month's Newsletter) As a old listener of WKBW in the 60's, this was great. Many a late night while doing homework was spent enjoying the music on WKBW. Thanks

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thank you to our 4 contributors to this month's edition. To everyone else, please take a moment to share some of your favourite websites with us.

Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
David Shindler, Oakville, Ontario
Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

HISTORY.COM – SAINT PATRICK'S DAY – MARCH 17

http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day

History.com's look at the background and history of Saint Patrick's Day

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

http://musiced.nafme.org/events/music-in-our-schools-month/
http://musiced.nafme.org/events/music-in-our-schools-month/

March is "Music in our Schools Month", a perfect time to get involved and do your part to ensure that students have access to a comprehensive, sequential music education taught by exemplary music educators!
Use the links to find resources for participating in MIOSM and to promote support for school music.

UNITED NATIONS: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – MARCH 8

http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/ http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/

This year's theme for International Women's Day is "A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women".

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY – MARCH 21

http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/ http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/

21 March 2014 marks the 9th anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day and each year the voice of people with Down syndrome, and those who live and work with them, grows louder.

WORLD WATER DAY – MARCH 22

http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/ http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/

In 2014, the UN System – working closely with its Member States and other relevant stakeholders – is collectively bringing its attention to the water-energy nexus, particularly addressing inequities, especially for the 'bottom billion' who live in slums and impoverished rural areas and survive without access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, sufficient food and energy services.

UNITED NATIONS - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE - 25 MARCH
http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/
http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/

This year's theme, "Victory over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond" pays tribute to the fight against slavery in nations around the world. 2014 also celebrates the 20th anniversary of the UNESCO Slave Route Project, launched in Ouidah, Benin, in 1994, which decided to break the silence surrounding the slave trade and slavery.

NATIONAL GOOF-OFF DAY – MARCH 22

http://itthing.com/28-things-to-do-on-national-goof-off-day
http://itthing.com/28-things-to-do-on-national-goof-off-day

Here's a list of 28 things to do on National Goof-off Day!

THE MARCH ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of March.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March

Also, here are some special days and events in March

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

American Red Cross Month
International Listening Awareness Month
Irish American Heritage Month
Music in our Schools Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

21 – 27 United Nations: Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination.

SPECIAL DAYS

8 – United Nations: Day for Women's Rights and International Peace
9 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
16 – Freedom of Information Day
15 – Ides of March
17 – St. Patrick's Day
21 – United Nations: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21 – United nations: World Down Syndrome Day
22 – United Nations: World Water Day
23 – United Nations: World Meteorological Day
24 – United Nations: World Tuberculosis Day
25 – United Nations: International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

20 – Beginning of Spring
21 – National Puppy Day
22 – National Goof–Off Day

Sources:
2014 Chase's Calendar of Events
2014 USDA Health Observances & Holidays
2014 California Department of Education - Calendar of Events,
2014 California State PTA - Health Observances Calendar
2014 National Health & Wellness Observances Calendar
2014 United Nations Observances
National Food Days – ScottRobertsWeb.com
VIA
http://ucanr.edu/sites/Spanish/Calendario/March_2011/
http://ucanr.edu/sites/Spanish/Calendario/March_2011/

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1

NEW FROM YAESU
TWO AFFORDABLE PORTABLE TRANSCEIVERS

FT-252 VHF 2 Meter 5W FM Single Band Handheld Transceiver
The FT-252 is a compact, simple to operate handheld radios that provide up to 5 Watts of RF power, along with loud audio output (800 mW) for the 2 Meter amateur band. The FT-252 ruggedly constructed water resistant body is sealed tight to meet IPX5 protection requirements. It is packed with popular and valuable features demanded by Amateur Radio operators around the world.

FT-257 UHF 70 cm 5W FM Single Band Handheld Transceiver
The FT-257 is a compact, simple to operate handheld radio that provides up to 5 Watts of RF power, along with loud audio output (800 mW) for the 70cm amateur band. The FT-257 ruggedly constructed water resistant body is sealed tight to meet IPX5 protection requirements. It is packed with popular and valuable features demanded by Amateur Radio operators around the world.

For complete details on these two radios, please visit the individual Yaesu pages for these products:

FT-252 - http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encProdID=E6F1C8F13621F53BE4BEC2CFBA13EE5B&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0 http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encProdID=E6F1C8F13621F53BE4BEC2CFBA13EE5B&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0

FT-257 - http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encProdID=D685DF60E99CAC4984F497203DD091A7&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0 http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encProdID=D685DF60E99CAC4984F497203DD091A7&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0

Yaesu products are available from Radio HF. Contact Radio HF for complete details.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE THIS MONTH – IRELAND

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK – IRELAND

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ei.html
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ei.html

WIKIPEDIA – IRELAND

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND OFFICIAL SITE

http://www.gov.ie/ http://www.gov.ie/

Welcome to the official website of the Government of Ireland.

IRELAND TRAVEL

http://www.ireland.com/en-ca http://www.ireland.com/en-ca

Explore travel and tourist destinations for the country

RADIO STATION WORLD – IRELAND

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Ireland/
http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Ireland/

This is a listing of radio services in the country

RTE RADIO

http://www.rte.ie/radio/ http://www.rte.ie/radio/

RTÉ.ie is the website of Raidió Teilifís Éireann, Ireland's National Public Service Broadcaster.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS – IRELAND

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/ireland.htm http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/ireland.htm

This is a listing of newspapers in the country

THE RADIO ZONE

WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

http://www.swlfest.com/ http://www.swlfest.com/

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

The 27th annual Winter SWL Festival hosted by the North American Shortwave Association will take place on March 14 and 15, 2014 in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. Find all the details of the event here, including hotel reservation information, event registration form and news on events scheduled for the festival.
NOTE: Radio HF will be attending again this year.

RADIO SEARCH ENGINE

http://www.radiosearchengine.com http://www.radiosearchengine.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a search engine for all things radio. All you do is type in an artist, a song title, a genre of music, or even a show title. The engine will search through thousands of radio stations and come back with results. For example, if you enter your favourite artist, the search engine will find a list of stations currently playing songs by that artist. If there aren't any stations playing that artist at that exact time, it will return a list of stations that will likely play something by that artist shortly. It's very fast and very thorough.

THOMAS RUSSELL GENTRY — W5RG

http://w5rg.donretzlaff.com/ http://w5rg.donretzlaff.com/

VIA David Shindler, Oakville, Ontario

The grandson of Thomas "Tom" Russell Gentry, W5RG (SK), has developed a website that is certain to be of interest to vintage radio enthusiasts. Don Retzlaff said his grandfather was among the earliest Amateur Radio operators, getting his license in the early 1920s -- at one point identifying as NU5RG -- and remaining active until he died in 1979. The W5RG call sign has since been reissued.
"He collected QSL cards from other amateur operators all through his life," Retzlaff said of his grandfather. "In recent years I became interested in those cards and my grandfather's hobby."
With the help of his father Donald Retzlaff, W5MIY, Retzlaff located all of the QSLs -- some 5700 in all -- as well as other memorabilia documenting his grandfather's ham radio activities and his time in the Army Air Corps shortly after World War I. He painstakingly scanned both sides of each card along with dozens of photos of now-vintage stations -- many with operators -- that his grandfather had collected and posted them all on a website dedicated to his grandfather and his life as an Amateur Radio operator.

WORLD RADIO MAP

http://worldradiomap.com/ http://worldradiomap.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Now you can listen to the live broadcast of all FM and AM radio stations from major cities around the world. Just select a city on the map, take a look at full frequency list and click on the station name to listen online. Happy Listening! This site is available in an assortment of languages.

NAB RADIO

http://northamericanbroadcasting.com/ http://northamericanbroadcasting.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here at NAB radio, we bring you great music, and true variety. You won't find such a breadth of musical genres anywhere! The major output from NAB Radio is from Independent artists and bands. If you listen to NAB Radio, we guarantee that you will hear music that you didn't even know that you liked. We have a number of shows that we bring to you each week. We are always looking for, and playing new music here at NAB Radio.

PUGET SOUND RADIO

http://www.pugetsoundradio.com/cgi-bin/forum/Blah.pl
http://www.pugetsoundradio.com/cgi-bin/forum/Blah.pl

VIA Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

Here’s a site based in Western Canada 'connecting the radio and television industry...' Lots of information, including "Today in Broadcast History"

THE VASTHEAD – HOUSTON RETRO RADIO

http://www.vasthead.com/Radio/news.html http://www.vasthead.com/Radio/news.html

VIA Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

Mostly Houston area info but many links to international radio reports and network and local airchecks going back to the 1960's. One is a Paul Harvey Dec 25 prerecorded story with Santa at the North Pole and broadcast in error on a Texas station on the 24th.

RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE

EDITOR: T. J. “Skip” Arey

50 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation
Transmitters, Receivers and Transceivers 1930-1980
By Joe Veras, K9OCO
ISBN: 978-1-59725-162-4
$39.95 US or $43.95 Canadian
ARRL Order # 0228
Supplementary CD (Sold Separately)
$19.95 US or $21.95 Canadian
ARRL Order #3558

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The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is celebrating its Centennial Year in 2014 and, along with many operating events and a National convention they are releasing a number of great books that look back on amateur radios amazing history. In my lifetime, I‘ve gone from tubes, to transistors, to integrated circuits, to surface mount technology. Looking back on the wonders that have come through our hobby is both entertaining and instructive.
Joe Veras’ contribution to our shared history is a wonderful book covering the popular equipment from the 1930s up through the 1980s, considered by many to be the “Golden Age” of amateur radio equipment. Unlike many of the technical books published by the League, Joe’s book is formatted as a traditional “Coffee Table” hardcover book. It is a collection of pictures and short descriptions you will be proud to display and even share with your non-ham friends.
Every time I pick up this book I get lost for quitter sometime in looking at rigs I only knew by reputation, radios I’ve owned and a few that “got away” from me over the years. A grand trip down memory Lane.
In addition to the text, Jose also has made up a collection of an additional 800 images and descriptions to further your investigation of these wonderful pieces of amateur radio technology.
Fair warning, this book will keep you mesmerized and away from your current radios if you are not careful! Highly recommended!!!

This book is available from ARRL or from your favourite radio book dealer.

THE GENERAL ZONE

UNDERGROUND BASES

http://www.anomalies-unlimited.com/Bases.html http://www.anomalies-unlimited.com/Bases.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a listing of know or suspected underground bases in the United States together with any information known about them.

VIRAL FOREST

http://www.viralforest.com/ http://www.viralforest.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

We share things that make you stop and look. Inspiring people, important stories and more. We present the trending stories on the Web

HOW TO GEEK

http://www.howtogeek.com http://www.howtogeek.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

We are an online tech magazine, dedicated to providing interesting articles, how-tos, and even fun trivia to our audience of geeky – and not-so-geeky readers. We've tried really hard to make sure that our content is understandable for regular people, but geeky enough that the more technical readers would find it interesting as well.

VIDEO TOUR OF THE INTERNATONAL SPACE STATION

http://www.youtube.com/embed/doN4t5NKW-k http://www.youtube.com/embed/doN4t5NKW-k

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

This is a 25-minute tour of the International Space Station

THE DEGREE CONFLUENCE PROJECT

http://www.confluence.org/index.php http://www.confluence.org/index.php

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The goal of the project is to visit each of the latitude and longitude integer degree intersections in the world, and to take pictures at each location. The pictures and stories will then be posted here. The project is an organized sampling of the world. There is a confluence within 49 miles (79 km) of you if you're on the surface of Earth. We've discounted confluences in the oceans and some near the poles, but there are still 10,070 to be found.

ABOVE TOP SECRET

http://www.abovetopsecret.com/ http://www.abovetopsecret.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

AboveTopSecret.com is the Internet's largest and most popular discussion board community dedicated to the intelligent exchange of ideas and debate on a wide range of "alternative topics" such as conspiracies, UFO's, paranormal, secret societies, political scandals, new world order, terrorism, and dozens of related topics on current events, politics, and government wrong-doing with poignant commentary from a diverse mix of users from all over the world.

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

A History of QST Volume 1: Amateur Radio Technology
Edited by Ward Silver, N0AX
For nearly a century ARRL's membership journal, QST, has advanced the art and science of Amateur Radio by delivering timely, engaging and valuable information to ham radio operators.

Each month, ARRL members enjoy pages of features and columns full of the latest equipment reviews, technical tips, projects, and news.
A History of QST — Volume 1: Amateur Radio Technology captures important technical contributions, adaptations, and syntheses of technology throughout Amateur Radio's first century. Through a collection of QST pages and other ARRL publications, a commentary of multiple authors reviewed the Amateur Radio literature, selecting imperative advances in the state of the art and articles that illustrate them. Each is preceded by a short introduction explaining the article's significance and relevance. As you turn the pages, you'll uncover amateur inventions and their support of science through individual efforts and cooperation across the entire Amateur Radio community. The journey begins in the era of spark, continuing through the present and into our second century, touching upon signals, antennas, propagation, modes, circuitry, satellites, and more. A bibliography of additional and supporting references is provided for further exploration.
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ISBN: 978-1-62595-003-1 – Order #0003
PRICE: $29.95 U.S. - $32.95 Canadian

A History of QST Volume 2: Advertising
By Joe Veras, K9OCO
For nearly a century, ARRL's membership journal, QST, has advanced the art and science of Amateur Radio by delivering timely, engaging and valuable information to ham radio operators. In addition to pages of feature articles and columns, ARRL members have enjoyed poring over the advertisements found in each issue, mesmerized by the latest and greatest station equipment.
A History of QST — Volume 2: Advertising is a nostalgic look back at Amateur Radio technology, activities and interests over the last century. Through a collection of QST pages and advertising, Joe Veras, K9OCO, traces the history of receivers, transmitters, antennas and other station gear from 1915 to today. Notable highlights of the Amateur Radio Service are included for each decade, along with advertising representative of the era. As you turn the pages, technology changes, bands are added and modes of operation come and go. You are sure to see many familiar names—manufacturers who are still innovating and contributing to the state-of-the-art, along with ones who gradually faded into history and others who barely got off the ground. It is an intriguing journey of Amateur Radio's rich and varied history—told through the creative marketing, advertising and photography of yesteryear.
Product Details
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Publisher: The American Radio Relay League, Inc.; First Edition/First Printing (December 2013)
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PRICE: $29.95 U.S. - $32.95 Canadian

Your First Amaqteur Radio HF Station
By Steve Ford, WB8IMY
Setting up your first HF Amateur Radio station can be a complicated task. From selecting your first radio to putting up your first antenna, there are a number of important choices you'll need to make.
Your First Amateur Radio HF Station is the most complete guide to setting up your station and getting started in HF communications. It's filled with practical advice you can put to use right away. Whether you're new to Amateur Radio or HF operating, live on acres of open property or in a tiny apartment, this book will show you how to get on the air and enjoy all that Amateur Radio has to offer.
What kind of antenna should you use? Your antenna is by far the most important part of your new station. The type of antenna you choose will determine how well your station will function for years to come. Learn not only the technical advantages and disadvantages, but the economics of choosing one type of antenna over another. Includes antenna designs you can build yourself!
What radio should you buy? Get the most radio for your money. Should you buy new or used? What

features are most important? You'll find the answers here!
Do You Need an Amplifier? Amplifiers are handy, but they can also be expensive. Find out if you really need an amplifier and, if so, how much you may need to invest.
What About a Computer? Computers and software are important components of modern Amateur Radio stations. Save trouble and money when shopping for one.
What Types of Accessories Do You Need? An HF station is more than just a radio and antenna. Find out which accessories will add the most operating pleasure and convenience.
Electricity – Good and Bad. Learn how to supply proper power for your equipment, and how to keep Mother Nature's power – lightning! – away from your gear.
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Available Soon

Even More Wire Antenna Classics Volume 3
The third volume of the popular Wire Antenna Classics collection gathers the best antenna projects and innovative designs from QST, spanning over 10 years from 2002 through 2013. It features more than 40 practical designs for a wide range of wire antennas, from simple projects to more complex. As you read, you'll discover new ways to experiment with wire antennas and why they are so rewarding to use.
Here's some of what you'll find:
Portable Antennas: Inexpensive and easily constructed antennas systems for operating on the go
Directional Antennas: Focus your signal for maximum punch
Multiband Antennas: New ways to explore a variety of bands with a single antenna
Single Band Antennas: These antennas are efficient and among the easiest to build
Stealth Antennas: Make the most of space limitations and homeowner restrictions
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Six and Four - The Complete Guide to 50 and 70MHz Amateur Radio
By Don Field, G3XTT
Six meters (50MHz) - the "magic band" - has always been unique. Sometimes it behaves as an HF band, with world-wide propagation, and other times more like a VHF band, enjoying the benefits of meteor scatter and Sporadic E. Operating 6 meters is both a challenge and an enigma, it draws amateurs from both the VHF and HF communities. Similar to this fascinating band is Four meters (70MHz).
Six and Four is essential for all radio amateurs. From beginners who are just getting started in six or four meters, to those who might already have 200+ countries confirmed on the "magic band". With new countries gaining temporary or permanent access on a regular basis, you'll discover both bands are exciting and fun!
Contents:
Equipment and station design
Antennas for 6m and 4m
6m and 4m propagation
Basic operating
Making weak signal QSOs
A 6m perspective from around the world
Portable and expedition operating
Contests, awards, QSLing
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

ALL ABOUT SHAMROCKS

http://www.canadiangardening.com/plants/perennials/all-about-shamrocks/a/20719
http://www.canadiangardening.com/plants/perennials/all-about-shamrocks/a/20719

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

From Canadian Gardening, all you need to know about the shamrock, including its link to St-Patrick’s Day.

IRISH FAIRIES – THE LEPRECHAUN

http://www.irelandseye.com/animation/explorer/leprechaun.html
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VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This tells the history and legends associated with the Irish leprechaun.

INSULTINGLY STUPID MOVIE PHYSICS

http://www.intuitor.com/moviephysics/ http://www.intuitor.com/moviephysics/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Technonerds go to movies strictly for entertainment, and of course, the most entertaining part comes after the movie when they can dissect, criticize, and argue the merits of every detail. However, when supposedly serious scenes totally disregard the laws of physics in blatantly obvious ways it's enough to make us retch. The motion picture industry has failed to police itself against the evils of bad physics. This page and its companion book are provided as a public service in hopes of improving this deplorable matter. The minds of our children and their ability to master vectors are (shudder) at stake.

MONSTROPEDIA

http://monstropedia.org/ http://monstropedia.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Monstropedia is the ultimate universal encyclopedia of monsters in myth, legends, magic and art. The mission of Monstropedia is to create the ultimate online media library about monsters, gathering information and documents from the earliest myths onwards to the present day, developing a coherent set of methods to analyze each creature and attaching current theories about their existence.

APE-O-NAUT

http://www.ape-o-naut.org/ http://www.ape-o-naut.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

What's better than a monkey? Why, a famous monkey of course! This site catalogs prize primates from various walks of simian life. Stop by and pay tribute to the chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, monkeys, and apes that have shaped our world

THE 2014 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Here is a list of upcoming events including amateur radio hamfests and fleamarkets, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. This list is compiled by Radio Amateurs of Canada, and other sources.

Sunday, March 16, 2014
CVRS Antique Radio Swapmeet
Sponsor: Canadian Vintage Radio Society
Location: Charles Rummel Park, corner of Lozells Avenue and Government Rd. Burnaby, British Columbia
Time: 1 pm to 3 pm
Cost: Free admission & Free Tables
Talk-in: None
Complete info: http://canadianvintageradio.com/contact/
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Saturday, March 22, 2014
Hamex 2014
Sponsor: Peel Amateur Radio Club and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club
Location: Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, Heart Lake Rd. & Old School Rd, North of Brampton, Ontario
Times: Vendors: 7am; Exhibits & Demonstrations: 8am; Flea Market: 9am to 1pm
Cost: $7.00
Talk-in: VE3PRC 146.88 (no tone) - VE3MIS 145.43 (103.5 Hz tone)
Email: parc.pubrel@gmail.com mailto:parc.pubrel@gmail.com
Webpage: http://www.ham-ex.ca http://www.ham-ex.ca/

Saturday, March 29, 2014
Club Radioamateur Laval-Laurentides
Sponsor: Club Radioamateur Laval-Laurentides
Location: Georges-Vanier High School, 3995 boul. Levesque East, Laval, QC
Time: Vendors 7 am; Public 9 am
Admission: $6; Tables $10
Talk-in: 147.315+
Information: 514-708-8033
E-mail: hamfest@ve2crl.qc.ca mailto:hamfest@ve2crl.qc.ca
Web: http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca/ http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca/
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, April 5, 2014
18th Annual Iroquois Fleamarket
Sponsor: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club (IARC)
Location: Iroquois Civic Building at 1 Dundas Street, Iroquois, Ontario
Times: Vendors at 8am; General Public at 9am.
Admission: Free. Table rental $10.
Talk-in frequency: 145.29(-) VE3IRO
Info by Email: dmbrownlee@sympatico.ca mailto:dmbrownlee@sympatico.ca
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, April 12, 2014
Montreal Fleamarket/Marché aux Puces de Montréal
Sponsor: Montreal Amateur Radio Club
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Tmes: Vendors 08:15 AM Public 09h00 - 12h00
Cost: 5.00$ Tables $8,00 each; $15,00 for two
Talk-in frequency: 147.060 (-) VE2BG
Information; James R. Hay Telephone (514)-990-1965

E-mail: ve2arc@marc.ca mailto:ve2arc@marc.ca
Webpage: http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Sunday, April 13, 2014
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc. Spring Flea Market
Sponsor: Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc
Location: Heritage Victoria Community Centre, 950 Sturgeon Road
Winnipeg, MB
Times: Vendors 9:45 am; Public 10:30 am
Admission: $5.00; tables: $5.00 for WARC members, $10.00 others
Talk-in: VE4WPG 147.390 positive offset 127.3 tone
Info: Dick Maguire VE4HK ve4hk@rac.ca mailto:ve4hk@rac.ca or 204-256-3143
Email: dmaguire@mymts.net mailto:dmaguire@mymts.net
Webpage: http://winnipegarc.org http://winnipegarc.org/

Saturday, April 19, 2014
38th Durham Region Hamfest
Sponsor: South Pickering ARC and North Shore ARC
Location: 1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering, ON
Times: Vendors 7:30AM; Public 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Admission: $6; Tables inside $25; Wall table $50
Talk-in: 147.375+ MHz
Email: D-Hamfest@rogers.com mailto:D-Hamfest@rogers.com
Webpage: http://www.durhamregionhamfest.com http://www.durhamregionhamfest.com/

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #4

RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

Radio HF gift certificates are a great idea if you're not sure what that special person is looking for. Radio HF gift certificates are available in any denomination. Please contact Radio HF for details.

THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby as well as amateur radio coverage.

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PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/ http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Sheldon Harvey & David Asselin, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Now in its 27th year on the air

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

http://www.ckut.ca http://www.ckut.ca/

You can check us out on Facebook as well at https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/

You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com mailto:radioreport@yahoo.com

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Best wishes and 73 from
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